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CURRENT POSITION

Bioethics Fellow. Department of Clinical Bioethics, N.I.H. Sept. 2004-Present.
Academic Research: Clinical Research Ethics; Nanotechnology and Ethics;
Neuroscience, Ethics, and Law.
Service: Institutional Review Board, National Institute of
Dental and Craniofacial Research (beginning 08/05);
Clinical Center Ethics Consultation Service Team

RECENT POSITIONS

Death Penalty Law Clerk. Chambers of Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz, New Jersey Supreme Court. September 2003-August 2004.

Law Clerk. Chambers of Chief Justice Deborah T. Poritz, New Jersey Supreme Court. September 2001-August 2002.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy, August 2003
Dissertation: "Conditions of Responsibility: An Examination of First-Person and Interpersonal Approaches"
Committee: Susan Sauvé Meyer and Rahul Kumar (Co-Supervisors),
Samuel Freeman, Stephen Morse

J.D., University of Pennsylvania Law School, May 1999
Awards and Honors: Lynn Lukins Moore Graduation Award (best essay in legal theory)
Comparative Labor Law Journal, Associate Editor
Bar admission: Pennsylvania

B.A., University of Pennsylvania, Philosophy and Science, *cum laude*, May 1994
Honors: Pi Mu Epsilon (National Undergraduate Mathematics Honor Society)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Criminal and Moral Responsibility Theory (including Free Will Theory); Moral Philosophy; Bioethics; Death Penalty Jurisprudence.

PUBLICATIONS/PAPERS

- “The ‘Abuse Excuse’ in Capital Sentencing Trials: Is it Relevant to Responsibility, Punishment, or Neither?” 42 *American Criminal Law Review* 1027 (in press, 2005).
- “A Normative Justification for Distinguishing the Ethics of Clinical Research from the Ethics of Medical Care,” 33 *Journal of Law, Medicine, and Ethics* 566 (co-authored with Franklin G. Miller) (in press, 2005).
- “ADHD, Values, and the Self: A Commentary on Singh,” *American Journal of Bioethics* 5(3): 65 (2005).
- “The Insignificance of Choice and Wallace’s Normative Approach to Responsibility” (under review).

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

Papers

- “The Abuse Excuse in Capital Sentencing Trials,” invited talk to the University of Dayton Law School Faculty, Dayton, Ohio, April 2005.
- “A Normative Justification for Distinguishing the Ethics of Clinical Research from the Ethics of Medical Care,” invited talk for The Emanuel and Robert Hart Lecture Series, Center for Bioethics, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, March 2005.
- “The Responsibility of Psychopaths: Moral Capacities and Practical Reasoning,” 29th Conference on Value Inquiry, Oklahoma State University, April 2001.

Others

- “Responsibility and Severely Disordered Dangerous Offenders,” Commentary as chair for discussion on legal responsibility, Conference, Society for Applied Philosophy, St. Anne’s College, Oxford University, July 2005.
- “What is a Minor Increment Over Minimal Risk for Research on Children?” (panelist), NIH Department of Clinical Bioethics Reunion Retreat, Queenstown, MD, June 2005.
- “Is Clinical Equipoise an Ethical Requirement for Research?” presented to summer fellows, Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD, June 2005.

LEGAL INTERNSHIPS

- Defender Association of Philadelphia, Federal Courts Division. Summer 1998, Spring 1999. Research/writing: Fourth Amendment, Fed. Sentencing Guidelines, evidence, crimes.
- Pennsylvania Post-Conviction Defender Organization, Philadelphia, PA. Summer 1996. Research/writing regarding death row inmates’ habeas petitions and appeals.
- Office of the District Attorney of Kings County, Brooklyn, NY. Major Frauds Bureau and Sex Crimes Bureau, Summers 1993 and 1995.

TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

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| • Instructor | Phil 2: Ethics | Summer 2000 |
| • Teaching Assistant | Phil 211: Ancient Ethics | Fall 2002, Professor Susan Meyer |
| • Teaching Assistant | Coll 1: Moral Conflict &
Political Legitimacy | Spring 2003, Professors Rahul Kumar &
Andrew Norris |
| • Teaching Assistant | Phil 77/Law 531: Phil. of Law | Fall 1998, Professor Michael Moore |
| • Teaching Assistant | Phil 2: Ethics | Spring 1998, Professor Rahul Kumar |
| • Teaching Assistant | Phil 8: Social Contract | Fall 1997, Professor Samuel Freeman |
| • Teaching Assistant | Phil 5: Formal Logic | Spring 1997, Professor Thomas Ricketts |
| • Teaching Assistant | Phil 2: Ethics* | Fall 1996, Professor Susan Meyer |
| • Program Advisor | Philosophy, Politics, &
Economics Program | 1999-2001 |

* Taught as an intensive writing course for Penn's Writing Across the University Program
(Teaching evaluations available upon request)